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SUBJECT: ILO - REQUEST FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON FINANCIAL ITEMS -
195TH SESSION OF GOVERNING BODY

1. IN COURSE OF FIRST SITTING OF PROGRAM, FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE, AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 17, USDEL LEARNED THAT DIRECTOR GENERAL WILL ASK FOR AN ADDITIONAL 7.5 MILLION DOLLARS TO MEET CY 1975 INCREASE RESULTING FROM INFLATION AND DOLLAR DEVALUATION. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO 6.2 MILLION AUTHORIZED BY GOVERNING BODY AT 184TH SESSION. CY 75 ASSESSMENT BUDGET WAS ORIGINALLY SET BY 1974 CONFERENCE AT 45,134,500. DIRECTOR GENERAL IS PROPOSING INCREASES, THEREFORE, OF SOME 30 PERCENT. AT 184TH SESSION, USDEL WAS ONLY GB MEMBER TO PROTEST THE 6.2 MILLION INCREASE. NEVERTHELESS, USDEL BELIEVES THAT IN ORDER TO PRESERVE OPTIONS FOR ATTACKING CONTINUED DRAMATIC INCREASES, WE SHOULD OPPOSE THE CURRENTLY PROPOSED INCREASE OF 7.5 MILLION.

2. DIRECTOR GENERAL WILL PROPOSE WHAT HE CALLS "SEMI-FULL" BUDGETING FOR 1976-77. BY THIS, HE MEANS THAT WE APPROVE A FIRM NOMINAL DOLLAR VALUE FOR CY 1976, BASED ON THE KNOWN RATE OF EXCHANGE AT TIME OF APPROVAL, BUT APPROVE ONLY THE PROGRAM LEVEL FOR CY 1977, WITH DOLLAR COST BEING SET IN 1976

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ON BASIS OF RATE OF EXCHANGE AT THAT TIME. USDEL RECOMMENDS

WE SUPPORT. DIRECTOR GENERAL, IN ANY EVENT, IS GOING TO COME BACK WITH SUPPLEMENTAL REQUESTS IF THE DOLLAR MOVES AGAINST THE BUDGET. WE HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE BY SUPPORTING.

3. USDEL REQUESTS INSTRUCTIONS ON SITUATIONS DESCRIBED IN PARAS 1 AND 2 ABOVE.

4. USDEL HAS NOTED TWO SIGNS THAT MAY INDICATE SHIFT IN TRADITIONAL SOVIET POSITION OF OPPOSING BUDGET INCREASES:

A. AT 184TH SESSION, SOVDEL REMAINED SILENT IN DEBATE ON REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL 6.2 MILLION.

B. SOV REP BUKRIEV TOLD USDEL YESTERDAY HE WAS SHOCKED PERSONALLY AT PROPOSED 1976-77 INCREASES, BUT THROUGHT HIS GOVERNMENT "WAS GETTING SOFT."

5. OFFICE PROPOSED IN DOCUMENT GB.195/PFA/7/11 A REVISION OF THE RULES FOR PAYMENT OF TRAVEL EXPENSES OF MEMBERS OF GOVERNING BODY AND OF COMMITTEES. (IN FACT, THIS REFERS ONLY TO WORKER AND EMPLOYER MEMBERS OF GOVERNING BODY). THE REVISION WAS MERELY A CODIFICATION OF CHARGES APPROVED BY GOVERNING BODY SINCE 1963. A NEW EDITION OF RULES WILL BE PUBLISHED. USDEL REQUESTED THE RECORD OF DEBATE SHOW THAT USG OPPOSED THE PARAGRAPHS PROVIDING FIRST CLASS TRAVEL AND FOR PER DIEM CALCULATED ON BASIS OF FULL UN PER DIEM PLUS 40 PERCENT OF THAT FIGURE PLUS 3 DOLLARS PER DAY.

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